

**July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Pursuant to call, comes now the Starke County Council and meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditor's Office of the Starke County Government Building (Annex), Knox, Indiana. Comes now the Auditor, with Dan Awald and Bruce Fingerhut absent, and reads the call to the Council and shows that due and legal notice of the meeting has been given.

**IN RE: VACANT COUNCIL SEAT FILLED**

At an earlier caucus, William A Dulin was appointed to the council. He will replace the late James Van Vactor.

**IN RE: MINUTES**

A correction needed to be made to the June 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Brush Crew Supplies should have been Road Signs. Jennifer Davis moved to approve the May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes with the corrections being made. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

**IN RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #2008-08**

Sheriff Cowen withdrew his request for two patrolmen, two jailers and two E-911 dispatchers. He requested the council act on the patrol car that has been tabled. Four councilmen agreed that they would approve a patrol car out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund with an additional request at the next meeting. Douglas J Vessely moved to deny Cowen's tabled request for a patrol car out of County General. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to table the request for the voter radio tower and upgrades and repairs to radio, requested out of two funds. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

Elaine Beaty, with McCready & Keene, and Harold Welter, with Financial Partners, appeared to discuss the Sheriff's pension plan. Elaine stated that 2008's allocation of \$100,000 is not enough. They needed \$34,347 in addition to the \$100,000 for 2007. They say that they would need \$164,000 total in 2008 to be completely current. She also said that there is an additional fee as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 of \$13 per case that should be sent to the pension trust.

Jennifer Davis moved to approve the request for \$394,274 for Health Insurance, seconded by Chuck Estok, with five ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve \$4,000 for BZA Legal Services, seconded by Chuck Estok, with five ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve \$10,000 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund for CR 700S 800W & CR 900W 3/10 mile South of Hwy 10. Jennifer Davis seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to table the request for \$5,921 to get county information on the website until the county hears about an alleged grant that they may be able to apply for. Jennifer Davis seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

Douglas J Vessely moved to approve the EMS request for \$70,000 for an ambulance out of Cumulative Capital Development, seconded by Chuck Estok, with five ayes.

William Dulin moved to table the request for \$2,000 for repair of equipment out of the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Douglas J Vessely seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

**IN RE: TRANSFER RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE #2008-09**

Chuck Estok moved to approve the Highway Department's request to transfer \$15,000 from Liability Insurance to Group Health Insurance, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with five ayes.

**IN RE: SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR FOOD SANITARIAN**

Douglas J Vessely moved to deny the salary ordinance amendment request by the Health Department for the Food Sanitarian. Chuck Estok seconded the motion and it passed with five ayes.

**IN RE: 2009 BUDGET REQUESTS**

Rhonda Milner, Starke County Assessor, informed the council of the new laws governing Sales Disclosure Forms. She explained some requests in her budget that reflect these changes.

Mark Smith, Starke County Council President, suggested that the council let the office holders know what percentage will need to be cut from their budget, and let that office holder make their own cuts before the hearing.

There being no further business to come before the board, Douglas J Vessely moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Davis, with five ayes.

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Mark C. Smith, President

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Douglas J. Vessely, Vice President

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Bruce Fingerhut

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Chuck Estok

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Jennifer Davis

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Daniel Awald

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William A. Dulin

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Michaelene J. Houston, Auditor of  
Starke County and Secretary to the  
County Council